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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE NOTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT CARRIED ON TASS ENGLISH (WHICH IS SAME AS PUBLISHED IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS) DIFFERS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS FROM THAT RELEASED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND CARRIED IN WIRELESS FILE. SOVIET VERSIONS OMITTS REFERENCE TO GROMYKO AND TO SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERSHIP, SAYS HE WILL ARRIVE MARCH 24 RATHER THAN THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL BEGIN MARCH 25, AND PUTS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ISSUES WHOLLY IN CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

2. TEXT OF SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT, AS TRANSLATED FROM PRAVDA, FOLLOWS: "IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT REACHED EARLIER, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS HENRY A. KISSINGER WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW MARCH 24. DURING HIS VISIT IN THE USSR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WILL BE CONTINUED ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE VISIT TO THE USSR BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA R. NIXON."
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